

The Silent Cry for Help



Every day in Sonoma County, children are removed from their homes because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Through no fault of their own, these children become dependents of the Juvenile Court and enter a world where an overburdened legal system sometimes cannot hear their voices.

All too often, the children are moved from one temporary placement to another, never knowing what it is to have the comfort of a permanent home. Nearly 6,000 calls were made last year to the Child Abuse Hotline right here in Sonoma County, and the Sonoma County Juvenile Court held over 3,000 child dependency case hearings related to child abuse.

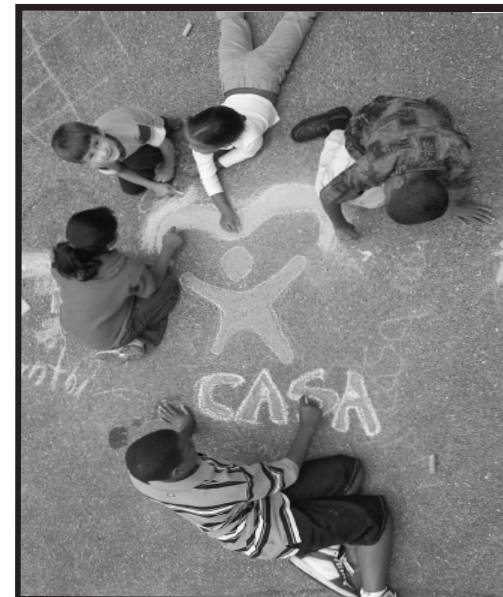
Mission Statement

The Sonoma County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program is committed to serving abused and neglected children coming before the Juvenile Court for protection and rehabilitation services.

The purpose of the CASA program is to humanize the complex child welfare system for the child victim by providing a trained volunteer who will act as a consistent role model, advocate, and potential life connection.

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Speak up for a foster child.



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The Voice that Responds

CASA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to speaking up for Sonoma County's abused, neglected, and abandoned children. CASA recruits, screens, trains, and supervises volunteers from the Sonoma County community to serve as advocates for our children, helping them to find their way to safe and permanent homes.

Currently there are many volunteers who contribute their time as well as others who provide financial support. We need your help!



How Can Your Help Give Our Children A Chance?

1 Become a CASA Volunteer

As a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), you would establish and maintain contact with a child, interview his or her family, social workers, teacher, and others, and submit a written recommendation to the court outlining what is best for the child. Should the child remain in foster care? Be reunited with parents? Be released for adoption?

You would become the "eyes and ears" for the judge and help ensure that your assigned child does not become lost in the court system. If you care and have about 10 hours a month to spend, being a CASA can be very gratifying work.

2 Become a Volunteer

There are numerous ways to help CASA. We have a continual need for office help, people who can volunteer a day or half day each week on a regular basis.

In addition, we need people to help coordinate fundraising and other activities. You may also assist us by helping to recruit volunteers through groups or organizations you are members of.

3 Provide Donations or In-Kind Gifts

CASA has an ongoing need for annual support. This can be through annual cash donations, in-kind product support, or underwriting or budgeted items.

It is very likely that you or your company would be able to help since many of our requests are quite small. Every penny is a step toward a secure and happy future for an abused

4 Join or Support the Friends of CASA Fundraising Committee

You can support our annual fundraising strategy which links corporations, foundations, churches, service clubs and individual donors to the program.

Annual plans includes our Hearts for Children fundraiser and dinner. By donating an auction item, by attending or sponsoring a table of ten attendees, you can help us raise needed funds.

5 Visit Our Website @ www.sonomacasa.org

Our website is designed as your 24-hour personal assistant, waiting to update you with CASA news and events at any moment.

Whether you're looking for information on how to become a CASA, want to shop online, check the events calendar, peruse the photo gallery, or make a donation, our website has what you're looking for. Visit today!

6 Consider Bequests and Planned Giving

Remember CASA in your United Way pledges or estate planning. The youth of our community represent Sonoma County's future.

Yes, I want to support your good work!

Please make checks payable to CASA.

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I would like to make a monthly donation of \$ _____
 Designate CASA as my United Way pledge.
 I will contact my employer regarding a matching grant.
 I would like info on estate and gift planning.

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 Signature _____

I would like information about:
 Becoming a Child Advocate
 Committees/Fundraising
 Board of Directors
 Other Resources

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